

**BOARD Meeting Activity  
September 22, 2021**

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**Awards and Recognitions**

**Three D11 School Counselors are Awarded Counselor of the Year**

The Colorado School Counselor Association (CSCA) selected not one, not two, but three D11 school counselors as recipients of school counselor of the year. Carrie Skeens from Edison Elementary as the Colorado Elementary School Counselor of the Year, Colleen McElvogue from Russell Middle School as the Colorado Middle School Counselor of the Year, and Vicki Glaser from Doherty High School as the Colorado High School Counselor of the Year.

CSCA is the state division of the American School Counselor Association, and represents the more than 1,600 school counselors in the state of Colorado. Annually, they recognize the best professionals in the school counseling field including: an outstanding elementary, middle/junior high, high school, K-12 counselor, and counselor educator. Additionally, winners of the CSCA School Counselor of the Year Award will be nominated for the national American School Counselor Association (ASCA) School Counselor of the Year Award.

**D11 Student Earns Gold & Places 2nd at FCCLA Nationals**

Vanessa Lenn is a Hospitality Pathway student and member of the Odyssey Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter. This summer at the FCCLA virtual National Leadership Conference, Vanessa earned a gold medal and placed 2nd in the nation for her Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation project- "Dessert Treasures" a Gelato cafe. Vanessa developed her business plan in her ProStart Business and Economics class during the 2020-2021 school year.

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Thomas introduced Mr. Wayne Huchinson who provided the D11 Foundation Report. Dr. Thomas also introduced Visual and Performing Arts Facilitator Laurilea McDaniel and Kim Kincaid who provided a presentation on the D11 Visual And Performing Arts (VAPA) Experience.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

### Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Certified copies of the Board of Education's official minutes may be obtained from the Records Management Center. The cost of copying will be borne by the requester, per Board Policy BEDG.

The Board of Education approved the minutes of the September 8, 2021, regular board meeting. All minutes are available in BoardDocs through the Board of Education District website, after approval by the Board of Education.

### Personnel Recommendations - September 22, 2021

The Board of Education approved the Personnel Recommendations for September 22, 2021.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### Contract Awards - Underwriting Services 2021 Election General Obligation Bonds - RBC Capital Markets

Executive Director of Procurement and Contracting Kris Odom provided the following information:

The Board of Education approved the District's participation in the upcoming November Election, and at the August 25, 2021, regular board meeting, they also approved the election question for a bond without imposing any new tax.

If a majority of voters approve the bond election question in November, sales proceeds would be available following the sale of the bonds. To market and sell the General Obligation (GO) Bonds, it is necessary to contract for Underwriting Services. It is not uncommon to see two firms share the underwriting responsibilities as co-managers. This arrangement benefits the District, as it potentially provides for better market coverage to sell the GO Bonds.

This contract was competitively solicited, and the top ranked firms evaluated, RBC and Stifel, will receive a contract. If a majority of voters do not approve the bond election question, then there is no financial obligation to pay for any preliminary work performed by RBC. This contract covers the period for both issuances, which are anticipated to be January 2022 and a second issuance to follow potentially in 2024 or 2025. Approving this contract allows preliminary work to be performed. In accordance with Policy DJ, this service contract requires Board approval.

The Board of Education approved contract C2022-0051 to RBC Capital Markets, LLC ("RBCCM") as the lead underwriter for 55% of the General Obligation Bonds if voters approve the election question on November 2, 2021. RBCCM's fees are paid out of the bond proceeds, thus there is not a financial commitment out of the District's General Fund. This contract will term after the second issuance is finalized.

### Contract Awards - Underwriting Services 2021 Election General Obligation Bonds: Stifel

Executive Director of Procurement and Contracting Kris Odom, provided the following information:

This contract was competitively solicited, and the top ranked firms evaluated, Stifel and RBC, will receive a contract. If a majority of voters do not approve the bond election question, then there is no financial obligation to pay for any preliminary work performed by Stifel. This contract covers the period for both issuances, which are anticipated to be January 2022 and a second issuance to follow potentially in 2024 or 2025. Approving this contract allows preliminary work to be performed. In accordance with Policy DJ, this service contract requires Board approval.

The Board of Education approved contract C2022-0052 to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. ("Stifel") for 45% of the Underwriting Services of the General Obligation Bonds if voters approve the election question on November 2, 2021. Stifel's fees are paid out of the bond proceeds, thus there is not a financial commitment out of the District's General Fund. This contract will term after the second issuance is finalized.

#### Budget Transfer, Appropriations, and FTE Approvals

There were no Budget Transfers, Appropriations, or FTE Approvals.

#### Priority Improvement and Turnaround UIP Approval

This item was presented to the Board of Education as a non-action item at the Sept. 8, regular board meeting.

Each school in Colorado is assigned an overall school performance rating every year based on student performance and growth on state assessments. Graduation rates and college matriculation are also considered for high schools. Following the assignment of performance ratings, each school is required to develop a Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) that outlines targets for performance outcomes and strategies that the school will implement to improve academic outcomes for students.

Due to the COVID 19 pause in accountability, schools will continue to implement planning based on the school's performance and growth on their 2019 School Performance Framework. UIPs provide a focused improvement plan, including an analysis of student performance data and a detailed action plan. These plans must incorporate ideas and feedback from parents, be approved by the District 11 Board of Education, and be submitted to the Colorado Department of Education on or before October 15, 2021, for review.

The Board of Education approved the Galileo School of Math and Science (Priority Improvement), West Elementary (Priority Improvement), Mitchell High School (Priority Improvement), Midland Elementary (Turnaround) and District Unified Improvement Plans for submission to the Colorado Department of Education.

#### Resolution 2022-13, Arts Month

Arts education, comprising a rich array of disciplines including dance, music, theatre, media arts, literature, design, and visual arts, is a core academic subject and an essential element of a complete and balanced education for all students.

The Board of Education reaffirms the importance of the arts as an essential part of a classic, well-rounded, strong academic education and supports the designation of October 2021 as Arts Month in District 11.

The Board of Education adopted Resolution 2022-13, proclaiming October 2021 as Arts Month in District 11.

Resolution 2022-14, National Principal Appreciation Month

School principals play an integral role as instructional leaders in the education and growth of students in elementary, middle, and secondary schools in Colorado Springs School District 11. The Board of Education will continue to encourage, support, and recognize school principals who continually ensure a positive impact on students and the educational process.

The Board of Education adopted Resolution 2022-14, endorsing October 2021 as National Principal Appreciation Month.

**NON-ACTION ITEMS**

There were no non-action items.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

The Board members reported on their various activities.

**FUTURE MEETING/WORK SESSIONS**

The Board of Education will meet on the following dates:

Wed., October 6, work session, video conference, 4:00 p.m.

Wed., October 13, regular meeting, boardroom, 5:30 p.m.

Wed., October 20, work session, video conference, 4:00 p.m.

Wed., October 27, regular meeting, boardroom, 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.